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Dear Sirs,

The present settlement is sufficiently severe and does not need to be adjusted.

Further extension of this case, with its historic overtones of political interference by the federal administration on behalf of a few corporations against a competitor, will just exacerbate a faulty precedence in our successful free market system.

Our present recession can be timed with the initial decision in this case.

The attack on our country on September 11, 2001 spotlights the necessity of focusing our energies and our production on more fundamental and urgent directions.

To potentially award the States choosing to continue their litigations would emphasize rewarding the greedy rather than the hurt. Such an award would encourage more Government action against successful corporations. These corporations have taken, within the last generation, the economic leadership from the socialist Germans and the state-run Japanese

We must restrain the deadening hand of government from controlling our businesses.

Let the judgment stand and close the case.

Respectfully submitted.

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